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The Coast files were received at this office last night at 12:20 o'clock. As usual a complete resume of the news appears this morning.

There are signs of demoralization among the Boers that warrant the hope, if not precisely the expectation, of an early closing of the war.

If the police cannot protect sailors and others on the water-front from the ruffianism of certain thugs and crimps, then the sooner the heavy hand of reform is laid on the police the better for good government.

Owing to the pressure of telegraphic news the second article on the local Democratic platform is deferred until tomorrow. The platform—or address—is full of misstatements and inconsistencies which will afford themes for several days to come.

Honolulu has been somewhat stirred of late by the rumor that Governor-elect Dole is a Democrat. His intimate friends knew better, but for the sake of settling the question in the minds of the general public we submit an interview with Mr. Dole wherein he says that he is a Republican.

The plague has been in San Francisco within the past three months. Whether it is there yet is an open question. Absolutely nothing can be told about the status of things from the stories in the San Francisco newspapers owing to the pressure brought upon those journals to save the business of the port.

## DRAMATIC CRITICISM.

The decision of this paper to take dramatic criticism out of the sphere of advertising and put it where it belongs has offended those who gain by indiscriminate puffery. It is, however, the only course an honest newspaper can pursue. To say that a poor entertainment is a good one is as great an offence, either in speech or print, as to say that a good entertainment is a poor one. Either way deceives the public, and in legitimate newspapers the public has a right to look for a truthful and candid spirit. Errors of fact appear in every journal of the day, and this must always be so. The reason is not hard to guess. Inasmuch as honest men, put on the witness stand, are likely to differ as to the details of some circumstance all have seen, it is not possible for newspaper testimony on the same subject to be always exact. But a newspaper is bound to do the best it can, and to correct its errors when they are discovered. At the same time it must use every precaution against making them in the first place; and this, in the field of dramatic criticism, implies that the editor must not turn his columns over to those who have an interest in puffing a theatrical show, or use them himself to indulge in captious criticism. His duty is to have every performance judged impartially in the light of what it pretends to be and what it actually is. That is the policy of all self-respecting papers, and we mean that it shall be the policy of the Advertiser. No theatrical manager, therefore, need expect to bring a poor attraction to Honolulu and have it called a good one in these columns, nor a good attraction and have it called a poor one. We shall never be a party, knowingly, to the deception of the public. Managers may threaten or cajole, but it will make no difference; the Advertiser will continue to get as near the truth as it knows how to, and to tell it without fear or favor.

## INTERNAL REVENUE.

## Hawaii Part of Collector Lynch's District.

Robert N. Frick, F.H. Driscoll and H. M. Thomas of the United States Internal Revenue Service arrived here on the City of Peking from San Francisco last night to open an office in Honolulu. The San Francisco Chronicle of May 27 says: Collector of Internal Revenue Lynch yesterday received a dispatch from Commissioner Wilson stating that the Internal Revenue laws take effect in Hawaii on June 14th. Collector Lynch is making preparations to establish an internal revenue office in Honolulu, the Hawaiian Islands having been added to his collection district. Chief Deputy R. N. Frick will leave for Honolulu on May 28th with a complete stock of internal revenue stamps. All deputies at the Honolulu office will be selected from citizens of Hawaii. The stocks of beer, wines, liquors, opium, cigars and tobacco now in the islands will be inspected and inventoried. After June 14th goods from the United States must be stamped before being sent to the islands. The concluding paragraphs of the dispatch are as follows:

Special taxes are to be collected for the year beginning July 1, 1900, but not for the month of June. Articles under schedule B in the hands of dealers June 14th must be duly stamped when sold at retail. Instruments and documents under schedule A issued on and after June 14th must be stamped without reference to any documentary stamp tax previously in force in Hawaii. Instruments issued in Hawaii prior to that date do not require United States internal revenue stamps.

Registration of Chinese need not be immediately commenced. Section 301 of act of April 30, 1900, allows Chinese in Hawaii to obtain certificates of residence any time within one year from June 14th. Banks paying out Hawaiian bank notes used for circulation on and after June 14th are subject to 10 per cent tax. Hawaiian Government notes are not subject to this tax.

## Hawaiian Postal Service.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The Third Assistant Postmaster General has prepared a letter of comprehensive instructions to the inspectors in charge of inaugurating the United States postal system in Hawaii. Honolulu is made the general depository for the Hawaiian post office in turn will remit to San Francisco.

## QUEEN HOME

## Arrived at Midnight on City of Peking.

## Robert Wilcox and Many Other Kamaainas Return to Hawaii Nei From Abroad.

EX-Queen Liliuokalani returned to Hawaii on the City of Peking from San Francisco late last night. Robert Wilcox accompanied her with others, as did also her physician, Dr. English.

The ex-Queen kept her stateroom most of the passage down and was seen very little by her fellow passengers. She is not feeling very well, but is beyond all things glad to be back in Honolulu.

It was midnight when the City of Peking docked at the Waikiki wharf. Shortly afterwards the Queen left the vessel leaning on the arm of Prince David Kawanakoa, and was driven away in a carriage.

There was no demonstration whatever. Very few natives were on the wharf except the dock laborers, who were eating their midnight lunch. They were informed that Liliuokalani had arrived, but did not seem to realize the fact.

The Hon. Samuel Parker was nearest to the gangway of any when the passengers began to come ashore and greeted his returning daughter, who was one of the first off the boat.

Robert Wilcox, when interviewed aboard the steamer, said:

"I tell you what, I'm awfully glad to get back to Honolulu; there's no place like home after all, and six months is a very long time to be away."

"Americans are most deeply interested in Hawaiian affairs and with the providing of a territorial form of government for Hawaii, the Republicans or Democrats as parties had nothing to do, it seems to me; it was purely a matter of providing the best possible form of government for the islands, without any reference to party politics. I like the Americans for that."

"I know nothing of any further appointments; I expect you will get all that on the Australia, for the Cabinet was considering the subject when we left San Francisco."

"What am I going to do in politics down here? Well, I'll have to look over what has already been done, first. But I think we ought to establish a party to study the interests of the islands alone. These islands are a very small part of the great America. We can represent ourselves better by a home party than through Mainland politics."

"About the Queen? She is not feeling at all well. I guess she is very glad to be home at last; I know the Hawaiians will be glad to have her. She is painful, but I don't think she is in danger. That is, many doctors have called it cancer, though some have said that it is not. I don't know. I am not a doctor. She has kept below most of the time during the voyage."

"At the next session of Congress I am sure that some provision will be made for the Queen. It is the sentiment of the American people that she be suitably provided for. I think possibly that a lump sum will be decided upon, possibly a quarter of a million dollars."

"Bob" Wilcox was very much pleased when informed of the names of the delegates to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, and immediately published the news among his friends aboard. Mr. Wilcox is accompanied by his father, W. B. Wilcox.

## FAIL FOR \$16,000,000.

## Price, McCormick &amp; Company, New York Brokers, are Swamped.

NEW YORK, May 24.—After a brief and at times spectacular career the brokerage house of Price, McCormick & Co., in which Walter Price, formerly a San Francisco newspaper reporter, was junior partner, and George Crocker of San Francisco a special partner to the extent of \$500,000, today closed its doors in failure. The liabilities of the stranded house will total \$16,000,000, but as most of that sum is amply secured, it is generally estimated that the difference between assets and liabilities will hardly exceed \$2,000,000. William J. Curtis, to whom the assignment was made, issued a brief statement, in which he characterized the suspension of payment as temporary and asked the secured creditors to hold their loans for a reasonable time to avoid unnecessary loss.

Stupendous operations on the bull side of the cotton market are responsible for the embarrassment of the house.

On the exchange the failure was discounted before it was announced and the market rallied very quickly. The Produce Exchange was not hurried, but there was a panic on the Cotton Exchange. George Crocker's connection with the house was not an active one, although he occasionally took a hand. He is not seriously affected, and his loss will not be large. In addition to Price, the members of the firm were William J. Curtis, a nephew of the late Cyrus McCormick of Chicago, and Ralph Stewart Wortley, son-in-law of Admiral Schley.

## MARSHAL RAY.

## Something About One of Hawaii's New Officials.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The position of first United States Marshal of Hawaii, it is conceded, will go to D. F. Ray of Illinois. Ray is secretary of Senator Cullom, who was chairman of the Hawaiian Commission that framed the bill creating the Territory of Hawaii, and had charge of the trips made by Commissioners Cullom, Morgan and Hitt. During the summer of 1899 Ray visited the islands a second time in the interest of the chairman of the Commission, looking into the question of imported Asiatic labor. He visited every island of the group and is acquainted with most of the planters and business men of note.

Ray, who is now a man of 50, was born in Columbia county, N. Y., but has lived in Illinois many years. He was secretary of the Illinois State Senate in 1874-75, and continued with the State government some time in a semi-official capacity. He then located at Springfield, where he had a close acquaintance with the leading men in the political life of Illinois. In 1889 he came to Washington, and was chief of the surveying division of the General Land Office during the Harrison Administration, and later became private and political secretary to Senator Cullom. During several campaigns he was chairman or acting chairman of the Illinois Republican Central Committee.

## Insane Man From Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—A well-dressed man attracted attention yesterday morning on City Hall avenue by kneeling on the sidewalk and praying. He was taken by Policeman McGreggan to the insane ward in the Receiving Hospital. He is a man about 45 years of age and from papers in his possession it is supposed his name is Max Nello or Nello, a chemist from Honolulu. He was a guest at the Lick House for three or four days recently. The police are anxious to learn if he has any friends in the city.

## BOXERS ON WAR PATH

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lost a Colonel and seventy men killed and wounded. Li Hung Chang has been confirmed in duty as Governor of Canton. Tan Chun Lin, the former Viceroy, has been ordered to remain in Peking to await employment.

## Boxers Drilling.

SHANGHAI, May 24.—The members of the Chinese secret societies known as the Boxers are now openly drilling at Peking, and many high Manchus, including members of the Imperial Clan, are joining the movement, which is becoming so threatening that the diplomatic representatives are about to take action. B. J. Decolgan, the Spanish Minister and dean of the diplomatic corps, has made a demand upon the Tsung-li Yamen, cordoned off streets and burning for the immediate suppression of the Boxers, threatening that otherwise all the Powers concerned would land troops in China.

LONDON, May 25.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tientsin related Tuesday says: The massacre of twenty native Catholics at Kao Lau Tsun on May 14th is ascribed to the equivocal attitude of Fakas, the virtual Governor of the Province, who is accused of favoring the Boxers. It is reported that General Yang Fu Tung, who was sent by the Viceroy with troops against the Boxers, was murdered at an interview with their leader.

## Russians Mobilizing.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.—The Russian battleship Polleda and the Russian cruiser Aurora were launched today in the presence of Emperor Nicholas. The czar also watched the keel-laying of two other battleships.

LONDON, May 26.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says it is believed Russia is about to land troops at Taku from Port Arthur, where 20,000 are in readiness. The Chinese are reported to be sending large masses of troops overland from Hu-Nan and Kiang, but the Generalissimo refuses to assume command on the plea of sickness.

The "Boxers" assert that they are confident of receiving support from the Dowager Empress, Princess Kiang Yi and Chang Tuan and the entire Manchuria army. Throughout the north the "Boxers" are enlisting hordes of desperadoes. They are intent upon expelling everything foreign.

SHANGHAI, May 28.—The Russian Minister at Peking has telegraphed asking that all the available gunboats be sent to Taku.

TIENTSIN, May 29.—A detachment of 200 Chinese soldiers has cleared the railway between here and Peking, and the ordinary service was resumed at noon. No news has been received from the Belgian engineers engaged in the construction of the Luhan line. In other respects the situation is more quiet.

Thirty Japanese have arrived from the gunboat at Asakawa.

The French flagship d'Entree Castex and the gunboat Surprise have left Taku.

## Views About Boxers.

NEW YORK, May 29.—In discussing the "Boxer" movement, the Rev. Isaac Taylor Headland, professor in the University of Peking, who left Peking on March 7 and is now in New York, takes a somewhat peculiar view of its origin. He said:

"The French Catholic priests are the cause of trouble. The French Minister in China had the Catholic priests made Chinese officials of defined rank, whose business it is to decide cases of litigation between Chinese Christians and outside Chinese. When a Catholic priest enters a Chinese court, if he outranks the Chinese official, he decides the matter. If he outranks him, the influence of his official rank amounts to about the same thing."

"It is apparent to the authorities that Russia does not propose to be behind-hand in any move looking to the dismemberment of the empire, and it would not be surprising if some day the world should wake up to find that Russia had quietly annexed Northern China. Such action would probably be precipitated by the landing of foreign troops, which would be the excuse for it. It is known here that Russia did not join with the other Powers of Europe in making representations to the Peking Government with respect to the 'Boxer' movement, basing her refusal upon the fact she is an Asiatic Power. The natural result of her refusal has been to increase her influence at Peking."

"The Chinese charge that the priests procure decisions in favor of the French Catholics through their influence. In respect of the merits of the case, this has been going on for a long time and the irritation caused by it has resulted in the Chinese forming the secret societies called 'Boxers.' This in Chinese is I-Ho-Tuon, the I meaning righteousness; the Ho standing for peace and the Tuon meaning fist, which the professor illustrated with clenched hand."

## Peril of Missionaries.

NEW YORK, May 29.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Should the "Boxer" movement in China threaten American missionaries and American interests, adequate measures will be taken to provide them with protection.

Rear Admiral Kempf, commanding the senior squadron of the Asiatic fleet, which, according to an order just issued, will "comprise all vessels north of Hongkong," arrived at Taku Monday on board the cruiser Newark. He will at once communicate with United States Minister Conger and arrange with him to take such precautions as may seem advisable.

Admiral Kempf may send a marine guard to Peking. The authorities are in a very awkward position with respect to landing troops in China. It is not desired to take any such action, for one reason, because Americans are distributed at widely separated points, and for another reason, because the entrance of the Americans would be followed by similar action on the part of the Powers of Europe.

It was reported today that Minister Wu had called at the State Department to confer with the officials relative to the "Boxer" movement. This is untrue. Minister Wu states that he has not been advised how serious the movement is, but he is inclined to believe that it is exaggerated.

## HAWAIIAN FREIGHT.

## Its Status After the Fourteenth of June.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Uncle Sam loses a good many thousand dollars in revenue by fixing upon June 14 as the day for the new revenue laws to go into effect in the Hawaiian Islands. Every ton of freight dutiable under the laws of Hawaii and now awaiting shipment that can possibly be held back is being stored in warehouses, awaiting the removal of the Hawaiian tariff.

The Honolulu Automobile Company is taking advantage of the approaching suspension of the tariff laws of Hawaii. It has \$50,000 worth of automobile cars and carriages stored away at Port Costa, which will not be shipped until after the change is made. It is estimated that the saving in duty on that one shipment will amount to over \$12,000.

The smokers of the islands will suffer when the change takes place. Manila cigars are used almost altogether there and cost now from 2 to 4 cents each. The American tariff will more than double the price. It is understood that the big dealers in Honolulu have also taken this into consideration and have laid in a very large stock of Manillas, storing them in their warehouses. As the price of cigars will be raised immediately, the dealers expect to make a nice clean-up on their speculation, while Uncle Sam will again be out of pocket.

## Japanese Immigration.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—R. Kanda, president of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company, in an interview here tonight, said the Japanese Government would not accept the restriction on immigration to America. He had urged all Consuls to America the Government strongly to take that course, and had himself wired them to that effect.

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